GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Dues of AAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fees/charges levied by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on the private airlines annually and the details of payment actually made by these airlines during each of the last three years;

(b) whether a number of private airlines are in default of payment of AAI during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, airline-wise;

(d) whether AAI has taken action against the defaulting airlines;

(e) if so, the names of the airlines whose security deposits have been forfeited and encashed by the AAI so far and put such airlines on cash and carry; and

(f) the other preventive steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): Airports Authority of India(AAI) levies various charges viz. RNFC, TNLC, Landing, Parking, Housing, X BIS, Counter, Cargo, Cute, Watch hours on fortnight basis and Space Rent, License Fee, Royalty, Electricity and Water Charges, etc. uniformly to all airlines. The details of fees/charges levied against and payments made by major scheduled domestic airlines during the last three years including current year upto 31st October 2015(Provisional) is given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): M/s Spice Jet and M/s Kingfisher Airlines are in default of payment and the dues are Rs.155.49Crores and 294.57Crores respectively.

(d): Yes, Madam.

(e): M/s Spice Jet Airlines was put on daily remittance (Cash and Carry) basis whereas M/s Kingfisher Airlines"s Bank Guarantee amounting to Rs.100Crores was encashed. Recovery Suit filed in Hon"ble Bombay High Court for recovery of the balance outstanding dues amounting to
Rs.294.57Croes.

(f): AAI takes following actions for timely recovery of payments:
(i) The dues are monitored on regular basis.
(ii) In case of delay, AAI issues notice to the Airlines to settle the dues.
(iii) Penal Interest is charged on account of delay in the settlement of bills.
(iv) In case, where delay persists, besides encashing the security deposit, the defaulting airline is put on "Cash and Carry" basis.